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FOR AF/C GRIBBIN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, RW

SUBJECT: RWANDA TEA PROJECT

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1. SUBSTANCE PARA 1 REFTTEL PASSED ARCHER.

2. I DISCUSSED PROJECT STATUS WITH PRESIDENCY SEC GEN BUREGEYA, WHO UNDERTOOK REVIEW OUTSTANDING "TECHNICAL" PROBLEMS (HE DENIED "POLITICAL" PROBLEMS WERE AFFECTING PROJECT, ADDING THAT THIS EXCUSE MADE BY LOWER LEVEL OFFICIALS IN EFFORT AVOID RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTION). EMBASSY INFORMED THAT INSPECTION TEAM FROM PRESIDENCY VISITED FACTORY SITE FEB 21 AND I WOULD EXPECT THEIR REPORT TO BE FORWARDED TO BUREGEYA IN ANTICIPATION OF FURTHER MEETING WITH ME NEXT WEEK. IN ASIDE TO ARCHER DURING INSPECTION, PRESIDENCY DIR GEN PLANNING INSISTED THERE NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN AND THAT PROJECT WOULD GO AHEAD.

3. I AM CONCERNED FROM TENOR PARA 2 REFTTEL THAT OPIC GEARING UP FOR MAJOR CONFRONTATION WITH GOR WHEN THERE

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REMAINS OPPORTUNITY WORKING PROBLEMS OUT. I WOULD HOPE THAT OUR REPORTING ON DAY-TO-DAY DEVELOPMENTS IN EFFORT RESOLVE DIFFICULTIES WOULD NOT BE PASSED AUTOMATICALLY TO WERTHEIM, ALTHOUGH THIS APPEARS HAVE BEEN CASE IN THE PAST. AT PRESENT TIME AM UNABLE CONCEIVE A SCENARIO WHICH WOULD INCLUDE WERTHEIM EXPROPRIATION COMPLAINT UNDER OPIC POLITICAL RISK INSURANCE. AS WE HAVE ATTEMPTED MAKE CLEAR IN PREVIOUS

REPORTING, MIDDLE GOR POLITICAL RIVALRIES HAVE
CONTRIBUTED TO PROJECT DIFFICULTIES, AS HAVE WERTHEIM'S
OWN PECULIAR PERSONALITY AND MODE OF OPERATION. FROM MY
CONVERSATIONS WITH SENIOR GOR OFFICIALS, I HAVE NO REASON
BELIEVE RWANDANS INTEND RENEGE ON FEB 75 AGREEMENT,
BUT FEAR THAT PRECIPITOUS WERTHEIM REACTION TO INDIVIDUAL
DEVELOPMENTS MAY BACKFIRE.
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